

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 729

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate LaDonna Y. Boyd  
upon being crowned Miss Black Tennessee  
2010.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative young lady is LaDonna Y. Boyd, who was recently crowned Miss Black Tennessee 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd is a native of Nashville and the beloved daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T.B. Boyd III; and

WHEREAS, with a family legacy of business ownership, including the renowned R. H. Boyd Publishing Corporation and Citizen's Bank, LaDonna Boyd is currently pursuing her Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis on minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd holds a degree in Economics and a minor in French from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, LaDonna Boyd is an active and devout life-long member of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville where she faithfully serves as the Youth Director; and

WHEREAS, a gracious and thoughtful young lady, Ms. Boyd has truly been blessed and realizes that to whom much is given, much is required; she plans to use her title to strengthen and enrich the lives of young African-American women and her community through her H.E.A.R.T. & SOUL platform, which consists of six key areas: health and wellness; economic

empowerment; artistic expression; reading, writing, and arithmetic; travel and exploring other cultures; and religious expression and gratitude through service; and

WHEREAS, this glorious achievement marks the first step in a journey that will take LaDonna Boyd across the state of Tennessee and beyond as she advances to the Miss Black U.S.A. national competition; and

WHEREAS, LaDonna Boyd has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from scholastic achievements and community outreach to pageant competition, and she should be specially praised and recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby applaud and congratulate LaDonna Y. Boyd upon her coronation as Miss Black Tennessee 2010 and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.